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REMARKS

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The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Briesen airfield between 3 and 10 August 1954:

3 August. Between 0700 and 1900, there was air activity by Il-28s and Uil-28s which took off at intervals of about 5 minutes and headed west. After 25 to 35 minutes, the aircraft individually returned to the field. About 6 aircraft were simultaneously observed aloft. In addition to these, 2 Il-28s or Uil-28s were seen towing sleeve targets. When compared with previous observations, the tow rope from the sleeve target to the aircraft was considerably longer, i.e. about 500 meters. Other Il-28s and Uil-28s fired at the towed sleeve targets. During the air activity, the sky was 3/10 overcast. 25X1

4 August. Between 1200 and 1900, 40 to 50 flights of about 40 minutes duration were made by jet bombers. There was a 2/10 overcast and visibility of about 20 km. During the morning, a Li-2 was seen over the field and parachute jumps were made from the aircraft. A Soviet soldier who made fun of the clumsy jumpers stated that they were officers of the flying personnel and were making their regular parachute jumps.

5 August. Between 0600 and 1600, the Il-28s and Uil-28s made individual flights of about 40 minutes duration while disappearing from view. There was a 1/10 overcast and visibility of about 20 km.

The target was subsequently released over the field. The towing plane flew at an altitude of about 1,000 meters, while the attacking aircraft flew in the opposite direction and at some meters above the towing plane. This procedure was repeated several times.

6 August. Firing at towed sleeve targets continued during daytime. About 1400, parachute jumps were made from a Li-2. Night flying including firing at towed sleeve targets was practiced from about 2100 until after midnight. 25X1

7 to 10 August. No air activity was observed.

On all the days of observation, 30 Il-28s and Uil-28s were parked on the dispersal areas of the southern taxiway after completion of air activity.

Comment. Briesen airfield is occupied by a bomber regiment equipped with about 30 Il-28s. The aircraft of the regiment have been observed approaching the Kammersdorf training area without dropping bombs. 25X1

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